

ARE YOU CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED?

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
EXPERIENCED PERIODS
OF UNEMPLOYMENT?

A state task force designed to get at the root causes of high unemployment rates among certain populations and to recommend public policies to improve employment outcomes would like to hear your struggles and successes during a public hearing.

WHAT: A public hearing to discuss high unemployment rates

WHO: A state task force formed by Governor Charlie Baker

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Springfield Technical Community College, Scibelli Hall Theater,
1 Armory Street, Springfield, MA 01102

While the state unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Persons with Disabilities, Native Americans, and recently-returned Veterans, continue to experience high unemployment rates, ranging from 7 to 12 percent.

Earlier this year, Governor Charlie Baker created a task force to look at the reasons for the higher unemployment rates among these groups, and find ways to solve the problem.

Labor and Workforce Development Secretary, Ronald L. Walker, II is leading the task force to improve economic opportunities for these populations, and will advise the Governor.

**Additional public hearings will be held
September 29th in Lowell, October 1st
in Worcester, October 6th in New Bedford,
and October 14th in Boston.**

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